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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Honorable Jim Doyle
Governor of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin 53707

Dear Governor Doyle:

Thank you for your July 14, 2003, letter submitting Wisconsin's recommendations on air quality designations for the national health based standard for ground-level ozone, a major constituent of smog. Wisconsin's recommendations for the 8-hour ozone standard are important in providing citizens with critical information about air pollution levels in their communities.

We intend to carefully review the recommendations and work with Wisconsin in determining final ozone nonattainment areas and their boundaries. Once we have completed our review of the submittal, we will inform you prior to December 15, 2003, by letter, of any modifications we plan to make. December 15, 2003, is 120 days prior to when we will publish the final ozone designations and our response letter to you will fulfill a Clean Air Act requirement for promulgation of the ozone designations. Wisconsin will have the opportunity to respond to our suggested modifications. We will issue final designations no later than April 15, 2004.

We look forward to working with Wisconsin to develop designations for the 8-hour ozone standard. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Thomas V. Skinner
Regional Administrator